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The relevance of the attached references is that this is the closest art of which Applicant is aware. Applicant submits that the above references taken alone or in combination neither anticipate nor render obvious the present invention, Consideration of the foregoing in relation to this application is respectfully requested.

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Abstract:

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To improve the positioning accuracy of an electrode to a work to be welded without any complicated control of the automatic welding copy control device.

SOLUTION: The automatic welding copy control device includes an electrode 1 for forming the arc between the work and the electrode, an articulated robot 11 for reproducing the preset motion to move the electrode 1, a Yt track part 31 and a Zt track part 33 provided on a tip part of the articulated robot 11, a Yt traveling truck 35 and a Zt traveling truck 37 traveling on the Yt track part 31 and the Zt track part 33, respectively, and a camera 9 for picking up the image of the work 2'. The electrode 1 is mounted on the Zt traveling truck 37. The articulated robot 11, the Yt traveling truck 35 and the Zt traveling truck 37 are independently controlled, and the Yt traveling truck 35 and the Zt traveling truck 37 control the position of the electrode 1 based on the image picked up by the camera 9.

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Abstract

Methods, systems, and configured storage media are provided for flexible data mirroring. In particular, the invention provides many-to-one data mirroring, including mirroring from local servers running the same or different operating systems and/or file systems at two or more geographically dispersed locations. The invention also provides one-to-many data mirroring, mirroring with or without a dedicated private telecommunications link, and mirroring with or without a dedicated server or another server at the destination(s) to assist the remote mirroring unit(s). In addition, the invention provides flexibility by permitting the use of various combinations of one or more external storage units and/or RAID units to hold mirrored data. Spoofing, SCSI and other bus emulations, and further tools and techniques are used in various embodiments of the invention.

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Abstract

A dubbing system for inhibiting, for a predetermined length of time, a high speed dubbing operation for a program for which a high speed dubbing operation was executed within the predetermined length of time. When the power supply to a volatile memory in which high speed dubbing permission and inhibition information for each program is stored is reset, the high speed dubbing immediately after the restarting of the power supply to this volatile memory is forcibly inhibited for the predetermined length of time.

It is requested that the information disclosed herein be made of record in this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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